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## Alcohol Program Threatened

By Judith Epstein

The Drug Alternatives Program (ADA), sponsored by the South Shore Council on Alcoholism and established in Scituate and Cohasset High Schools, at this date has not been funded for next year by the Dept. of Mental Health (DMH).

ADA, a prevention program, primarily for alcohol abuse, has been meeting with success in the high schools with such activities as awareness sessions, in-class presentations and peer training seminars. Small

group counseling and training workshops has been offered to high risk persons referred by guidance departments and teachers. Crisis intervention is provided with private counseling, home visits and referrals to other area agencies and professionals in the community.

The in-school ADA program was first established at Scituate High School this year because of the amount of community interest that developed when the program was still held in informal groups outside of school.

ADA classes and meetings at Cohasset Jr./Sr. High School began in late

January, fortified by Scituate's success, but the set up was slightly different. The ADA program was one of three community alcohol education programs in Cohasset; it was funded, as was the Scituate ADA program by the DMH, unlike the other components which are financed by money given to the Social Service League by Turn-Off Drugs, Inc.

At the worst the discontinuation of the DMH grant could mean the demise of the ADA program in both towns.

William Spinks, the Executive Director of the Council on Alcoholism and Dr. Max Munro, psychologist and ADA coordinator, were recently informed of the recommended termination of the program handed down by the Coastal Area Mental Health and Retardation Office. Notification of this decision reached the Council in April, although the decision was made in February, Spinks said.

In the interim a request for a proposal (RFP) was issued to the Council for a court liaison person and drug counseling program to serve the population of young adults seen by the court systems with drug and alcohol related crimes, with no mention of the school-based ADA program as it now stands. Before the Council responded, Debra Munves, Area Youth Coordinator, informed Spinks that the ADA contract would not be renewed.

After careful examination of the goals and objectives stated in the RFP, Spinks and Munro met with Quincy and Hingham Court Probation Chiefs and staff to clarify needs. The RFP had stated the need to reduce inappropriate referrals to Medfield

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DOGPOWER instead of horsepower is Mrs. Maurice McLoughlin's answer to the energy crunch as she's towed along at good clip by her four daschunds along Jerusalem Road. They get excellent MPG.

(Greg Derr photo)

## Circle Of Gold A Vicious Circle

By Judith Epstein

One of my father's most prudent sayings to me as a child, aside from "success comes before work only in the dictionary," was "You can't get something for nothing."

Both of those axioms seems to be falling by the wayside, however, for the lucky and diligent few who are raking in the bread from the Circle of Gold craze.

The chain requires any participant to buy two copies of the letter for \$100

in cash. The buyer in a face-to-face transaction gives \$50 of the total to the person from whom the letter was purchased and sends the other \$50 to the first person at the top of a 12-name list. This top name is then crossed off and the buyer's name is added at the bottom of each copy before it is sold again.

The people who have bought into lists early in the fad's rampage through an area or town and who have persistently policed the continued selling and buying of the letter, may be in for some money. They are egged

on, as they egg on their friends and buyers (often in a repetitive and obnoxious manner reminiscent of religious revivals and cult practices) in the belief they can't lose, that you can't lose and that everybody is in for a lot of money. Some have received a lot of money, it is true; I have met them. They are eager to receive more.

The problem comes when an area becomes saturated with buyers so late joiners have difficulty in selling their letters. These people are told not to

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## Vermont Laurels For Dramatists

The Cohasset Drama Workshop received excellent ratings from the judges at the New England High School Drama Festival at Castleton State College last weekend.

Two of the 11-member cast — Jim Vivian and Meri Fink — were elected to the all New England cast. Both actor and actress play lead roles in the 'Master Thief' and 'Henny Penny,' respectively, two of the adapted tales performed in *Story Theatre*.

Vivian also characterizes the strut-

ting and swaggering rooster, Cocky Licky, in 'Henny Penny' and the calculating oaf in the 'Bremen Town Musicians.' Fink also gave distinctive performances in the 'Master Thief' as the Countess and as the hound in the 'Bremen Town Musicians.'

*Story Theatre*, has been charmingly portrayed by the Drama Workshop cast and crew since the beginning of the school year. Their long list of accomplishments and victories leading up to their participation in the New

England Festival are tributes to their tenacity, creativity and direction under Ron Emmons.

There were originally seven skits in the play, according to cast members, but when they got to competition level and had to keep the play within a 40 minute time limit, the tales, based largely on the art of deception, were cut back to three.

Director Emmons said that the play

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OFFICIAL sign of spring is the sight and sound of baseball, and here Kristen O'Brian gets in some catching practice on Old Pasture Road.

(Greg Derr photo)

## Teachers Ride-A-Bike Bows Sunday

The Cohasset Teachers Association will sponsor the eighth annual Ride-A-Bike for retarded citizens Sunday, April 29 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Individuals of all ages are welcome to participate either by riding, sponsoring a ride or by helping to man the checkpoints on the day of the ride.

Riders solicit sponsors from within the community who pledge the cyclists a predetermined amount of money per mile. After the ride, the contributions are collected by the participants from their sponsors.

Interested riders may obtain sponsor sheets from any school in town.

Members and friends of the Cohasset Communications Council will supply refreshments at the Town Hall for all participants.

Ride-A-Bike will start at 1 p.m. at the Town Hall. The route is as follows:

Left on North Main Street, left on Elm Street, left on Atlantic Avenue by Sandy Beach, left on Nichols Road up to Jerusalem Road.

The younger riders may turn left at the corner of Nichols Road and Jerusalem Road and finish at the Town Hall for a four mile route.

An alternate route with older riders would turn right on Jerusalem Road at Nichols Road, left on Jerusalem Road all the way to Forest Avenue, left on Forest Avenue to North Main Street and left on North Main Street back to the Town Hall for an eight mile route.

Meet Jim Litchfield

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